(b) what is the number of kilometres likely to be covered by this scheme; and

(c) whether this scheme would be introduced from Kanyakumari to Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Convension of Madras Tirunewell Express into a Superfast Train

101. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to convert Madras-Tirunelveli Express into a superfast train in view of the fact that Tirunelveli Express takes more than 15 hours to cover 620 kilometres in comparison to Pallavan and Vaigai Express which covers 470 kilometres from Madras to Madurai in seven hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): No, Sir.

Railway accidents

102. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 455 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th November, 1987 and State whether the reasons for rail accidents which took place in the country during the last three years were the failure of Mechanical devices or human errors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): About 75 per cent of the accidents during the last three years were attributable to human failure which includes failure of persons other than Railway staff also. Failure of mechanical devices has accounted for about 13 per cent of the accidents.

Waiting room and refreshment at Tirunelveli Railway Station

103. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no second class waiting room for ladies and that refreshment etc. are also not available at Tirunelveli Railway Station in Tamilnadu; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take action to provide these facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Waiting Rooms exclusively for use by ladies travelling on unreserved Second Class are not provided on Indian Railways. Those holding tickets for reserved accommodation can avail of the facility of upper class waiting room at Tirunelveli Station. As regards refreshments, two stalls, a light vegetarian refreshment stall and a combined fruit and vegetarian tea stall, are available.

(b) *As mentioned above, these facilities* are already available.

Provision of passenger facilities at the airports in the eastern region

104. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility for providing passenger facilities at the airports rests with the National Airports Authority; if so, whether medical, toilet, night landing facility and passenger facilities have been provided at Agartala, Aizwal, Imphal and other airports in the Eastern sector;

(b) whether Indian Airlines and Vayudoot officials have been repeat-